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Log-Ms. A JOURNAL OF A VOYAGE IN SHIP "HOPE-WELL" OF WARREN (R.I.), CAPT. GEORGE LITTLEFIELD, MASTER, Bound for San Francisco, Which Sailed on Sunday, January 27, 1849, With 129 Persons Aboard. 38 pages in folio ledgerbook, written in a legible hand. 193-day voyage around Cape Horn to California, with list of crew, dictionary of native words, "spoke to 12 ships". Some of the entries:- Mar. 30th, "We found ourselves in a school of whales ... spouting and blowing ... nine weeks out. April 23rd, 84 days at Cape Horn ... Barometer at 28.85. May 20th in Port Talcahuano . . . . news of California from ships in port. From Boston, 'the Rodolph,' 'Christopher Colon,' 'Nancy Wilder,' 'Osceola' & 'Oxford'". (Others are also mentioned)—A very interesting sketch of the City of Conception is given on page 21. Aug. 9th, "into the outer Bay of San Francisco, it was a stirring and exciting time ..... so many vessels ...." On list of passengers, "murdered" is written in pencil next to name "Nathan Pratt." The last five pages of the journal are devoted to a voyage to the Sandwich Islands, on the "Canonicus". In Starbuck's WHALE FISHERY, The Hopewell is listed as being 413 tons and used as a whaler from Aug., 1844 to March, 1848, Commanded by Capt. Littlefield. 1000.00

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A Journal of a Voyage in the Ship Hopewell  
of Warren Cap George Littlefield Master  
Bound for San Francisco which sailed on Sunday  
Jan 28, 1849. With One Hundred and twenty nine  
persons on Board.

Jan

- Saturday 27. I Left Home the last time on Saturday  
Morning, arrived in Warren about 11 o'clock  
went on Board of the Steamer Strype at 2  
with most of the Passengers, she took us  
on Board of Ship at Bristol Bay.
- Sunday 28. On Sunday morning about 11 o'clock the  
Steamer which had just arrived from Providence  
with some of the Surgeons and friends took  
the Ship in tow as there was no wind  
and took us out to Beaver Tail light. Where  
she kept us to our fate. There was great  
cheering on both sides. The first thing which  
took place the Clerk of the vessel presented  
each of the passengers with a copy of the Bible  
from the Methodist Missionary Society.  
The wind being from East was a head wind  
and made it necessary for the ship to beat  
for the purpose of clearing Block Island. Which  
we did not until next morning about noon.
- Monday 29. The wind was changed from East to South West  
with a fresh breeze.
- Tuesday 30. The wind from West and the weather little changed.
- Wednesday 31. The wind about the same varying a little. at  
about five o'clock in the afternoon it commenced  
blowing a gale from the South West and  
increased to a perfect Hurricane which lasted  
for ten hours. The sea running very high.  
The ship carried away her fore topmast staysail  
and shipped the sea at the windward part of  
which marked below. It was rather a long time  
for the Surgeons being only 3 days out. But  
she rode it manfully.



February 1. After the gale which lasted until 4 o'clock this morning the wind came out fair from the N West blowing fresh. But the weather being otherwise we discovered one new passenger on board which had stowed himself away when we left. His name was Simon Belonging to Bristol and had cut up some dice and been put to jail and broke out and got on board of our ship. The Cap put him before the mast with the rest of the Lickers. They were all acquainted with him, His Connection to jail are respected. Sat 38.28 Deal anchoring

Friday 2, The wind remaining in the N West blowing fresh the ship making 8 knots good, purposed first showing themselves to day

Saturday 3. The wind the same but the weather thick. Saw a sail at the Leeward Bound for Europe was supposed

Sunday 4. The wind from the same quarter, weather pleasant this is the first Sunday out. The Surgeon and Chap Bury in showing & Washing up getting ready for Religious Services in the quarter Deck, At 2 o'clock the Ship Bell was Tolded, and the Surgeon & crew assembled, The Services was conducted by some of the Surgeon and lasted about one hour — — — No observation

Monday 5. The wind remains the same and the ship putting through the California in a hurry, We have laid the single and double reef Topsails the last 5 nights it blew so fresh. We saw another sail at Leeward, Bound for California it was supposed. The Surgeon had a meeting before to day to take into consideration some of their grievances the meeting organized and there a Committee consisting of three to address the Captain Albert Sweet, W. J. Liber, George A. Wheeler of Providence, The address was drawn up and presented at the meeting the next day, But the Cap had anticipated our movements and removed the Cables as far as was possible, — We formed ourselves into messes, No observation



- Tuesday 6, The wind changed to Low West the wind blowing  
hard shortened sail until 8 o'clock in the Evening  
with a Heavy Sea on In the Evening a Bright Moon  
Light - Lat 36.01 - Long 52.44
- Wednesday 7, The wind remain the same with Rain & squalls  
which makes the weather uncomfortable on Deck  
Lat 35.54 - Long 49.00
- Thursday 8, The wind continues in the same quarter blowing  
hard short all the forenoon sea high but I  
happened to be furrowed as yet, Full Sea on -
- Friday 9, The wind the same rather thick, In the afternoon  
the wind went down to almost a calm, Low  
Black fish and porpoise -  
Lat 34.54 Long 42 35
- Saturday 10, The Sun rose pleasant to the Southward the ship  
close on the wind. We lost a forenoon overboard  
this morning off the quarter Deck, It was a live  
Chicken - The poor little fellow had to quit the  
ship -  
No Observations
- Sunday 11, The wind blowing fresh from the Low Low East  
the ship is one fourth of a mile. The weather is  
very cold and thick. It is owing greatly to  
our running so much to the Eastward to  
strike the Cape of Good Hope. This is my Birth  
Day 38 years of ~~age~~ age - also of my Daughter  
Emily's -  
Lat 34 00 - Long 42.10
- Monday 12, The wind to the Southward but very light almost  
a calm, a good night to sleep after being  
knocked about so much -  
Lat 32.24 - Long 38.58
- Tuesday 13, The wind at the Eastward the day passed  
Low a Brig at the Low end Bound Home was  
sighted. We saw Fin Back Whale and a  
Shark to day --  
Lat 30.42 - Long 38.14
- Wednesday 14 The wind light from the Eastward. But a British  
flag for Patentes charged. We had quite a



Laughable affair. Even this morning one of the passengers by the name of Joseph Lutter of Warren, rather a Lecher sort of a man went over the bow this morning on Business. And while there a Sea struck the ship forward and washed completely over him. He was met as a rat he lost his hat and like to have lost himself. He was dreadfully frightened. It created a great laugh on board I assure you ~

Lat 29.25 Long 37.27

Thursday 15. The wind at East the day pleasant supposed to have struck the Trades. The Clouds look broken and confused as they always do. The way the passengers amuse themselves is by climeing, Riggins, Reading, Music Singing, Dancing, Talking, Joking, Boxing, wrestling, Playing whist - Playing Tag and other amusements too numerous to mention -

Lat 28.17 Long 37.00

Friday 16. The wind variable in the Eastward the day pleasant. The first thing I heard this morning before I was out of my berth, was Sail Ho. I got up and saw a Ship over the Sea bow steering a West with all Sail. She looked Beautiful. Supposed to be some Indiaman from round Cape of good Hope. But this let her Studentsuits and Beryls to day that the Boys are preparing their nets and fishing lines to fish.

No observation

Saturday 17. The wind varying from two to four points in the East a Vessel just in at the windward not a great way off. But it was in the night and we could not speak her. But the Ship exchanged Lights. quite a number prepared with Letters to put on board the first opportunity.

Lat 25.34 Long 33.00

Sunday 18. The wind and weather the same not very good Trades here. We have to keep braced up sharp. It is now three weeks since the Ship left Bristol and have not spoken a Vessel. It is pleasing to see the passengers start on deck when some one tings out, Sail ahoy. They seem so anxious. We are to day at twelve o'clock three thousand miles from home and we had constantly notified of the time by the Ship Bell, which is struck every two hours.



according to sea-faring life. Every change of watch you will  
hear some one of the Sailors pounding on the Forecastle Hatch  
singing out Starboard watch ahoy or Starboard watch ahoy  
as it may be. In real sailor style they have a way of doing  
it,  
Lat 24.04 Long 31.20

Monday 19. The wind sou' east, dead ahead not making much  
headway. Plenty of Gulls feed all around us  
it looks some like our sea-mead only the colour  
is yellowish, and the birds are round like Bush-shots.  
We saw a number of Portuguese men of War. The  
Sailor call them - They are a small fish which  
looks some like a squid, which have a little sail  
they raise which looks like painted skin. They  
will sail off on top of the water at a fine rate -  
Lat 22.54 - Long 30.48

Tuesday 20, The wind remains in the same quarter, blowing  
fresh with a heavy sea on. The weather being. We  
have seen plenty of ship-jacks and flying fish  
to day. There is one thing I would recommend  
to passengers that that is never to take  
passage in any ship that burns kerosene  
in the galley. It is a great nuisance. It stinks up  
every body and every thing on deck. It smells  
horrible. They stopped one of the galleys from  
burning of it to day -  
Lat 20 59 - Long 30.31

Wednesday 21. The Wind the same rather curious at East Drifts  
the Sailors say. The passengers speak well of the  
officer up to this time. Capt Littlefield is a  
man of few words. But he works the quarter  
deck and attends to his business like a true  
sailor. no profane language from him -  
Lat 19.29 - Long 29.58 -

Thursday 22, The wind shifted rather more to the Eastward  
with a light breeze. The weather getting quite warm  
and pleasant, this is Washington's Birth Day -  
also there is an eclipse of the sun, and change  
of the moon. -  
Lat 18 19 - Long 29.13



Friday 23, The wind has got in to the N East with a fine  
Breeze, The weather fine making good Sailing  
Lat 16.50 - Long 28.00

Saturday 24, The wind light from the Eastward almost a Calm  
the weather warm, The passengers about on Deck  
barefooted and in their shirt sleeves. Some of  
the passengers amused themselves by forcing a Board  
by the Consent of the Captain three rowing about  
the ship. The names of the ship Masts and Sails  
are the Foremast, Main-mast, and Mizzen-mast  
Fore sails, Main sails, Topsails, Top Galsentails,  
Booms, Studdensails, Stunners, Sheers, Bibo,  
Lat 15.42 Long 26.43

Sunday 25 The wind N East and light, and the day pleasant  
and warm. Some of the passengers went over the  
Side into swim. The most of us take Sea Bubbles  
Every night or morning on Deck. which is  
very delicious. We intended to make use of  
Cape Verde Island to see how our Chronometer  
was. But we spoke a vessel bound the same  
way who had made Saint John and we  
found that the two Chronometers agreed, so we  
stood of more to the westward. we ran within  
fifty or a hundred miles of the Islands. -

Monday 26. Lat 14.24 - Long 25.00  
Wind at the N East the day pleasant with beautiful  
Moon light Evenings, Saw a Brig over the weather  
Bore this morning we came up with her about one  
o'clock. And the Captain spoke her she proved to  
be an English Brig bound for the Coast of China  
29 days out the same number of oarsmen. She seemed  
surprised to see so many passengers on Board of our  
Vessel. But the Capt told them we was bound for  
California. The Captain wished us a pleasant  
Journey, and we sailed away from her.

Tuesday 27 Lat 12.46 Long 24.48  
Wind remain the same and the weather still  
taking the breath right of us. Plenty of Flying fish  
and other Carrys Pichens about the weather so  
warm and pleasant that we can sleep on Deck



I have noticed the mule in the night, and it sparkles like fire  
Lat 10.54 Long 24.30

Wednesday 28, Wind from the same quarter the ship getting along  
finely We have not had what you would call a  
rainy day since we left -

Lat 9.03 - No Long

Thursday March 1. Wind the same - rather good we have seen  
three vessels in different directions

Lat 7.09 Long 23.00

Friday - 2. Wind the same - rather good But quite a swell  
or supposed to have been a heavy blow at the S East

Lat 5.59 - Long 21.57

Saturday - 3. The wind light from the same quarter We are getting  
into a latitude where we expect a calm - Thermometer  
92 in the shade and the ship slowly moving

Lat 5.15 - No Long

Sunday - 4. Wind very light it may be called a calm

Lat 5.05 - No Long

Monday 5, The wind freshened up a little This is the day for  
Old Zach Taylor to be Inaugurated President  
I should like to be there at Washington on the  
occasion - We spoke the Bark Constant of  
London Capt Garrison bound home from  
the East Indies We sent a boat a board with  
fifty eight letters for the States, we paid 25  
cents each to take them to London and see  
them forwarded to the United States  
This is my first week at cooking for my mess

Lat 4.36 Long 21.30

Tuesday 6, Wind light just moving - not making much headway  
a shark was caught to day off the quarter-  
deck He measured 5 feet he had 2 suckers  
or Pilot fish sticking to him. We have also seen  
a Fish called the Athene quite plenty jumping  
about the ship -

Lat 4.00 Long 21.28

Wednesday 7. There has been no wind may be called a calm  
not making any thing to speak of  
made nothing



Thursday 8, Wind boreal w a little the day pleasant and warm  
I tried my hand at making in salt water today  
but its a hard task. We use about 4 Barrels of  
best Water daily for cooking and drinking, Herms  
and Peliks of the Moon this Evening. It commenced  
about 10 o'clock. about 4 hours after it commenced  
in January -      Lat 1.40 Long 22.54

Friday 9. Wind from the South the ship steering Sou West  
but not making much. We saw a Water Spout  
some distance off -

Lat about the same

Saturday 10. Calm all day and very flat sea. until dark the wind  
drove in and blew quite fresh through the night  
We have a young man the grandson of Genl Franklin  
of Providence as passenger. He Southern Born and one of  
the Blands. He is or was, I should think and a very  
stubborn and saucy. drove in his best clothes in Deck  
which has made him quite objectionable to the  
passenger. So to night they thought they would  
introduce him to Old Neptune. which they did  
by lancing and throwing him in full a Hogshead  
of Water forward of the mainmast. It made him  
bother and curse and swear at a great rate  
and went below after his knife. But he did not  
dare to bring it up Deck -

On the Line

Sunday 11, Wind from the S. East when we want it. The ship  
moving along through the water about 6 knots, so day  
at 12 o'clock we were 33 miles South of the Line  
Long 25.04 West five miles from home. The  
Latitude on Board of our ship was taken at 12 o'clock  
and the Longitude at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.  
during the passage -

Lat 33 miles Long 25.04

Monday 12, Wind S. East fresh Breeze with the Sun out.

Lat 2.07, Long 26.00

Tuesday 13, Wind S. East good Breeze with the Sun out

Lat 3.54 Long 27.14

Wednesday 14. Wind S. East the weather good. We saw  
a ship at midnight. Having no light. The



Altogether Clouds & Fullal is in Light, together with the Southward Cross, The North Star we saw down about 5 degrees further side of the line -

Lat 5.55 Long 28.33

Thursday 15, Wind from the same quarter, and the more delightful the more of our objectionable Surgeons had the see old Neptune to night, and three Crewed from the Commence of Day of the thirteenth then - one by getting up in the Main Top heading and following Capt Littlefield and another hid himself among other in his State room on the run this was the Order of the Ship, Saw the Vessels at Leeward Stearing different Courses -

Lat 7.59 Long 28.58

Friday 16, Wind the same in the fore part of the day, about 12 o'clock, the wind more to the Eastward but light until night when it Freshened - I have noticed that the wind is apt to freshen after Sunset at Sea -

Lat 10.08 Long 29.07

Saturday 17, Wind variable at the Eastward through the day blowing fresh - Day spent out nothing to do but to take Comfort - One of the Surgeons by the name of Henry Beutroth of Providence was taken ill with a Stiffness last Evening but he got relief before morning -

Lat 12.44 Long 29.14

Sunday 18, dead calm the day. The Commencement starting at 94. There was a Bark at Leeward all day heading toward us. The Ship, Surmised and President near the last week it will be noticed by her Lat and Long, something like 1100 miles.

Lat 14.38 - Long 29.30

Monday 19, Calm continues with rain squalls in the Evening Thunder & Lightning at a distance -

No Observation

Tuesday 20 Wind and weather very much the same - It rained considerably through the day so day is the time for the Sun to Cross the Line to the Northward. We had one of the most magnificent Shows with a Rainbow, and the Sky all over of all colors



The sunsets in the Indies are splendid, —

Wednesday 21, Calm continues, day pleasant. These Calms are tedious things for persons anxious to obtain Gold. It requires patience the sailors say they shudder see it but a gale of wind I believe it

Lat 16. 13 Long 30. 29

Thursday 22, Wind blowing fresh from the Eastward again, It commenced about 12 o'clock in the night and we are all very glad to hear it after four days Calm — —

Lat 17. 23 - No Long

Friday 23, Wind S.W. East, weather good. The Ship moving along grandly. Plenty of Birds about the Ship we saw one of great size on a piece of board about a foot square floating along apart the Ship but we could see it under the same board. We saw a vessel looking like in shape of a Brig bearing our Bow. Supposed to be a Trader from the Coast of Africa bound for some port in South America or the West Indies —

Lat 19. 20 - No Long

Saturday 24, Wind N. East the day pleasant with a stiff breeze about 8 knots. We have been blessed with good weather most of the time since we left. very little rain —

Lat 21. 31. - No Long

Sunday 25, Wind N. West. weather good Eight weeks out all well with one exception he is troubled with the Scumation having taken cold his name is Christopher Pugh of Providence. We saw 2 Sails over the water. One a Bark showing Spanish colors bearing for us from the direction of Peru, supposed to have prizes on board —

Lat 22. 20 Long 36. 31

Monday 26, Wind S.W. West blowing fresh. Squally with rain, about 10 o'clock in the evening the wind



The wind hauled in to the Sea East and it blowed a gale  
which through out a tremendous Sea. The Ship shortened  
Sail reefed Top sails and heaved for a time which we  
had for the night -

Lat 25.16 -

Tuesday 27, Wind continued to blow from the same quarter  
untill night, when it went down with the Sun  
and the Ship plunged in the Strangely, she  
is an excellent Sea Boat -

Lat 26.40

Wednesday 28, Wind light from the same quarter. All hands  
Bury in breaking out the Haul overhauled, and  
trimming Ship for Coal water round the Horn.

Lat 28.24 Long 40.24.

Thursday 29, Wind to the Westward a smooth Sea the Ship  
making 5 knots, We saw a very large Whale  
floating along near the side of the Ship  
if we had seen him a little before we  
could have brought him he would make  
a nice mess for us all. about five o'clock  
before dark, we had a rain squall come up  
from the Southward, which knocked us all down  
our Sails was all out. for we did not think  
it so near, for about ten minutes it rained  
and blew aloud the smartest, and if there  
Sails want hauled up quick, then it no matter  
all hands on deck was all of the ropes. It  
was soon all over, and the Sail went out  
about as quick as it came in -

Lat 29.27.

Friday 30, Wind S. West the day pleasant but cool. I put  
on my Flannels again this morning getting down  
into winter again. We shall see the Winter and  
the Summer this six months, We saw a Bark at  
midnight supposed to be a whaler bound Home  
his supposed that we saw as many vessels by night  
as day time. The Surgeon there a Commodore he  
saw the vessel he lost hope by belonging to  
Surgeon, they did so, but none of importance was  
found - This was a good many children missing



about 5 o'clock this afternoon we had great sport. Some one  
saw out, their two blows, they may they all started to the  
windward was a caution. We found ourselves in the midst of  
a school of Hump Whales on all sides of the ship as far as  
you could see, floating & blowing at a great rate. These was  
the first Hump Whales we had seen that the Whaler men on  
board which their were quite a number, it made them all  
crazy by their actions. The Captain observed if we could  
get them before all of them, we no need to go to California they  
were in site about half and done —

Lat 24.57—

Saturday 31, no wind but a calm making but little sailing  
which we can notice by our Lat from day to  
day, some of the passengers have been amusing  
themselves by shooting sea birds for the want  
of better business. Some they call Fright the  
Boobies the Albatross. Sea gull and Lark

Lat 30 00— Long 44. 11

Sunday April 1, Wind light from the Eastward and a fine day  
the ship laying her course, we are all  
wakes out to day at 12 o'clock, our calculation  
is to pass the Cape before we enter port  
I was in favour of going in to St Catherine's  
But the Company seem to be divided upon  
it This is April 1st today I believe at  
home, we have made more time than Lat 3 days last

Lat 30.28— Long 45.04

Monday 2, Wind at East blowing strong, with a rough  
Sea and thick weather. The ship making her  
course due West making about 8 knots  
No observation

Tuesday 3. Wind due West still and squally, Towards  
night it commenced blowing strong and lasted  
through the night —

Lat 34.12— Long 47.47

Wednesday 4, Wind due West still and but little of it until  
night it changed into the E. by E. which  
gives us a nice little breeze through the  
night. We are about in the Lat of the  
River La Platte, and the Cape of Good



Hole, We had beautiful Moon light night which made it  
pleasant on Deck. —

Lat 34.27 - Long 49.54

Thursday 5, Wind at East with a nice breeze, The weather still nice and  
pleasant. We expect rather bad weather in till we  
get round the Horn —

No observation

Friday 6, The wind blowing almost a calm. The weather comfortable  
The Sun set beautiful and it was full Moon in the  
Evening which made it very pleasant, for I was  
on Watch between Deck until 2 o'clock. He  
observed a rule to keep watch between deck every  
night for fear of Fire. There was a Albatross shot  
of the greater size and at about 10 feet from tip to tip of wings  
he measured 10 feet from tip to tip of wings  
he weighed 15. He was a curiosity, He was soon  
dissected and distributed about the ship for keep  
Lakes —

Lat 36.44 Long 50.50

Saturday 7, Wind at the Eastward in the forenoon, in the afternoon  
brought in the Sun West and a land again in the  
last time the last 10 days, The weather moderate &  
pleasant. We had great sport the day, about noon  
we discovered a very large school of porpoises  
passing under our bow from the windward, and  
with one porpoise over the bow, five of the Southern  
was hauled in on Deck and hauled down to the  
windward where they was shot and butchered in  
a short time. It was at least half and hour before  
they all got us, It produced fine food on Board

Lat 37.40 —

Sunday 8, Wind remain about and calm, Weather pleasant and  
comfortable, Sea much better all well —

Lat 39.23

Monday 9, Sea much and calm making no headway to the East of  
Lat 41.01 Long 55.30

Tuesday 10, about five this morning, the wind began to blow at  
the of West and increased to quite a Breeze so  
that we had to reef the sails. In the night it  
went down and was some foggy —

No observation



Wednesday 11, Wind from the North-east; blowing strong. The ship making about 8 knots, We saw some Cape Pigeons and Penguins, about high night -

Lat 42.54 Long 55.40,

Thursday 12, Wind continues from the North-east the ship blowing through it nicely. rough sea on, the water getting uncomfortably pale, -

Lat 44.27 Long 58.00

Friday 13, Wind from the North-east, the water Murky, making our way for Cape Horn -

Lat 45.27 Long 59.37

Saturday 14, Wind the same the water good -

Lat 46.52 Long 61.04

Sunday 15, Wind at West until five in the Evening, when the wind shifted into the Low West, and blew fresh all night -

Lat 48.45 Long 63.24

Monday 16, Wind blowing a gale from the Low West, and a monstrous sea on, breaking over us a good deal of the time. About half past Eleven in the morning the ship had to lay too, under a double reefed Main Topsail, -

Lat 50.48 Long 64.17

Tuesday 17, The gale continues, the ship still laying too and drifting about 2 knots per hour, Quite a number of the Surgeons crew have fallen on deck it being so wet and slippery. The gale in the Gulf did not lessen with this. Not much sleep for us the two last nights, Every thing jumbling and rolling about day and night

Lat 50.10 Long 63.20.

Wednesday 18, Last Evening about five o'clock the gale began to cease and go down, but the wind shifted into the West. The ship lay too 30 hours and the sea was a perfect foam. The gale lasted 48 hours, We lay between the Falkland Islands and the West Coast We lost about 2 degrees of Lat and Long in the gale. We had sail and rain during the gale -

Lat 50.27 Long -



Thursday 19, Wind at the Westward, Blowing a good Breeze  
the day pleasant —

Lat 52.50 Long 63.06

Friday 20,

Wind at the Westward, Last night the ship ran  
curiously, the Captain expecting to make some land  
which we did about 8 o'clock in the morning. It  
being a little foggy it was a difficult to discern  
when it at first. But it soon showed itself  
so that there was no mistake. This is the first  
land seen in 81 days from Block Island. It  
is a Island about 38 miles long, and 15 wide  
and very Mountainous. The tops covered with  
snow. appeared to be thick of white snow about  
the land. And this time time but it then about  
10 or 11 o'clock a heavy squall came up from the  
Westward, which we did not like the look of much  
being between land trying to run through the straits  
of Lemaire. after a while of down the trouble was  
over. the sun came out pleasant, and we then  
discovered the land of Jerry del Fuze, which  
means, Land of Fire (It is a land looking Country  
I tell you. Rocky Coast. Mountainous and  
snowy without a human being upon it. I suppose  
none to be seen. The straits are about 30 miles  
wide, the wind at West. The Water as smooth  
as a mill pond and the day delightful. At  
this time we first brought in sight on both sides  
and then for no long, but as broad as pleasant  
and agreeable as this, all looking and making  
remarks all the day long. I should liked to  
have a run about on that land it would  
satisfied me — — Lat 54.44 Long 64.48.

Saturday 21, The ship shortened sail again at night, although  
we had a fair Breeze. But there was a little  
too much sail in sight to cross in the night.  
The Captain wants to run between the Islands  
of Abasco and Diego if the wind will admit  
to as to shorten the distance. In the morning the  
wind was fair West and but little of it. The water  
still. About 10 o'clock the wind shifted to East



and began to breeze up. When about five o'clock a Squall came  
up from the Sea West which resulted in a gale which  
lasted until eight o'clock next morning. The ship lying too  
under a dull reefed Main & Fore sail she drifted off to the  
West East line distance. We were but upon and allowance of  
Water to day. 3 cts - -

No Observation

Monday 22, Wind shifting about and but little of it. The day  
pleasant but cool within 18 miles of the tip of  
Cape Horn. The Captain was taken quite unwell  
to day. - - Lat 55.40. No Log -

Monday 23, Wind at East, and the Sun rose pleasant. Just  
the wind we wanted, the Land showed itself  
of the water bow. The wind continued to increase  
until we had a good boresail breeze. The ship  
going from 9 to 10 knots. We saw and lost the peak  
of the Horn within 6 or 8 miles. It is a rugged  
looking place, very rocky and mountainous with  
snow on the tops, the shape of the land the most  
Southern point, resembles the State house in  
Boston, a large mountain on level land with  
a gloom upon the top in appearance. It is a good  
place for a light house. But I should not like  
to keep it. There is but few vessels from so near as  
we have, and here that has so fine a view, then  
joining the Horn we had the bay between the Island  
the Offshore and Diego, which we did in the  
night which brought us out clear of all land.  
If a gale of wind had sprung up on us from  
the Southland, about the time we were off the Horn  
we should have been in rather a ticklish place. If I  
was going round again, I should rather keep  
further off land in case of the weather. We call  
it 84 days to Cape Horn, which we arrived about  
2 o'clock in the afternoon - -

Lat 56.10 Long 67.21

Tuesday 24, Wind at the Sea West sending us off, the ship  
sailing brisk on the wind, the weather thick  
foggy, and calm, and the decks wet -  
No Observation



Thursday 25, Wind the same from West. Breeze & rain with  
a rough Sea, the ship leaning to the Westward  
with Land again in sight two miles off it  
It is called Yorkminers and Worcester on  
Lerry deb Fige, Hunt looking the same as all  
the rest of this Country. We had to tack ship  
the Land bearing us off, and ran south the other  
Lower Rock is called on point of the Land -

Lat 55.26 Long 72.41.

Friday 26, Wind of West, the weather squally and cold. -  
No observation.

Friday 27, Wind at the Northward Cold and rainy very uncomfortable  
on this Board - No observation.

Saturday 28, Wind the same. Blowing fresh, Heavy Sea, dead ahead  
Lat 54.15. Long 75.26

Sunday 29, Wind the same. Thick and cold weather. We should  
like to get out of this -  
No observation.

Monday 30, Wind the same, Weather Thick & squally real  
Cape Horn weather. About dark the wind began  
to increase and it soon became a gale which  
we had some warning of, by our Barometer  
which was as low as 28.85, It blew all night, the  
ship having to lay to, the Sea running about three  
high. Impossible to stand on Deck without  
holding on to something -

No observation.

Tuesday 1st, The gale continues, we are in the neighbourhood  
of Magdalen Straights, a regular storm to be  
according to the Logbook, It don't seem much  
like a May morning at home any more. It is  
more than days since we lost the Horn, now  
progress towards California -

Lat 54.12. Long -

Wednesday 2, The gale abated this morning, but the wind  
changed into the same West. Heavy Sea on  
the day thick and uncomfortable. at night  
Breeze set west again, in the Northward, and  
blew hard as ever all night -

Lat 54.04 Long 76.00



Thursday 3, Wind about the same Blowing a gale the Ship  
Laying to until 12 o'clock at night, at which  
time the gale abated and the Ship Increased  
Sail — — — No Observation

Friday 4, Wind to the westward the most of the day the Sun  
Shone We had a gale again in the night, when  
the old ship had to lay to again. This is  
delightful Sport knocking about here. —

Lat 53.44 Long 76.48

Saturday 5, The wind went down early in the morning, and  
changed in to the Sou West, our allowance of  
Water was reduced to 2 cts. We saw a Brig  
over the Windward quarter about 4 o'clock Bearing  
down on us. She left us in the evening by  
making the wind more free, the day was  
Squally and Cold. —

Lat 53 Lat, Long 76, 57

Sunday 6, Wind from the Sou West, the day squally  
and cold, with hail and snow in spots  
The Evening was pleasant, the Moon shining  
Bright —

Lat 52, Long 77, 00

Monday 7, Wind at West in forenoon, after noon went  
Back into the Sou West, squally and Rainy  
No Observation

Tuesday 8, Wind at the Southward, the day pleasant  
the ship making good headway, the decks  
dry to dry, making it more comfortable —

Lat 48, 12 Long 76, 52

Wednesday 9, Wind from the same quarter but light, the  
day pleasant —

Lat 46, 27, Long —

Thursday 10, Wind the same. The day pleasant and more  
moderate as we got to the southward we  
discovered — Lat 44, 13 Long 76, 50

Friday 11, Wind from the southward, the day pleasant  
that it bore a gale of wind in the  
night —

Lat 42, 53 Long 75, 50



Saturday 12, The wind the same ahead with a heavy sea  
The weather foul and rainy —  
No observation

Sunday 13, The gale continued with rain in the middle  
of the afternoon — When it changed into the  
Sun West 15 miles out —  
No observation

Monday 14, The wind to the northeast again. It seems as if  
Fate was against us, having such horrible winds  
the day before and moderate —  
Lat 40.03 Long 74.24

Tuesday 15, Wind the same, the day before. We made  
Land again about 10 o'clock in the forenoon  
Between Valdivia and the Island of Mocha  
on the Coast of Chile. We had a fine view  
of the Mountain of the Striped. At the Est-  
Imier of running into Fuchamane which  
lays in Lat 36.41. Long 73.09. We saw and  
English Brig bound the same way and soon  
lost her — Lat 34.20 —

Wednesday 16, Wind at East, squally and cold. The Brig  
in sight that we lost yesterday. The Sun  
rose beautiful this morning right out of the  
Ocean. The Surgeon, longing to get  
into port we had a tedious time  
of it from the Horn —  
Lat 38.52 —

Thursday 17, Wind Sun West and light about a Cubit  
The weather warm and pleasant again. The  
Bark and another vessel in sight —  
Lat 38.28 —

Friday 18, Wind Sun West about a 4 mile Breeze  
The weather good. The vessel in sight  
The Sun set pleasant —  
Lat 34.41 —

Saturday 19, Wind light from the Sun West the ship being  
in the Entrance to the Bay of Fuchamane  
we entered the mouth of the Bay about dark  
with the wind blowing out from the northeast  
which made it necessary to beat. In the night



not make much Leadeney, there was 4 or 5 vessels sailing out  
Bound to California but it was so dark that we did not see  
them. There was three other vessels bound in at the same  
time we took one of them the Georgiana of New York

Sunday 20. This morning we had a view of the port of our  
destination - there ran in to our anchorage ground  
in London with the Ship Annam of New  
York; The Diamond of New Bedford & the  
Georgiana; there let go anchor about 9 o'clock  
in the mist of dawn and cheering from the  
different ships in port. It was a cheering time  
for the Americans - The Passengers of our ship  
landed about 11 o'clock after the port officer  
had visited us, there glad was I to let foot  
on land once more, after a passage of one  
hundred and twelve days, great rejoicing  
took place amongs the passengers of the different  
ships in port, on account of the good news  
from California, that our safe arrival here  
so long on our long journey - All United and  
Bound to stand by each other through thick  
& thin. We were all in one accord to seek  
our fortunes, The Mary Miller of Boston -  
and the Doctor of Philadelphia, lay in port  
together with the Whale ship Christopher Mitchell  
of Nantucket, The Beaufort of Boston, The  
Prescott of Hingham and 2 or 3 others left  
the night before. I left a letter for Mr  
James Cressman of London, there one for  
my brother Michael on Board of the  
Bark Sanbarten of New Bedford & Water.  
The American Council took them in charge  
by the name of Crosby, that to be forwarded  
the first opportunity.



I shall endeavour to give a little sketch of matters and things here which came under my notice after a fortnight stay in Port. The Bay is fine, surrounded by mountains of great height. The principal part of the town is situated under on near the base of these high lands. The soil is fertile. The houses are built of adobe. Brush, brick, and wood. The number of population about 4000, and the people are quite civil and hospitable. The City of Concepcion is about ten miles back with a population of about 10,000. We found plenty of Vegetables it being about harvest time. Also fruit. Such as Apples. Pears. grapes. English Walnuts, &c. &c. Some fish and Murres of large size. There is plenty of coffee and coal in the country. Their Farming utensils is altogether behind the times. We Americans and their was a good many of us, somewhere about five hundred made a social gathering among the people, and besides that left a good deal of money. We had a supper at Confields the Saturday night previous to our leaving. It was got up by the Surgeon of the different ships in Port, for the purpose of having a celebration. The Hall was dressed in fine style with American Flags and other Emblems. And about one hundred as many as the Hall would hold sat down. The Supper was excellent and very good music. And every thing just off with fun and good feeling, untill it began to strike the small ones in the morning. It rained about one week of the time that we stayed here.

Tuesday June 5. The wind came out for West a fair wind to leave the Harbour after a nine days' weather, about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. We let go our Fireboat being a signal for sailing. And began to leave with the ship Cannara, and the John Petty with flags flying, music playing and great cheering from all the ships in the Harbour. We set sail and stood out of the Harbour with a light wind. It about 15 miles to the mouth, the Moon shone bright and we were very much rejoiced.



To be on our way once more after being in port 16 days

Wednesday 6. Wind came to the Northward again in the night which gave us just a chance to get out of the mouth of the Harbour. The wind was very light  
Set 36, 12, having made about 30 miles

Thursday 7, Wind at the Northward and Fresh. We left in Port the Christopher, Cook, and Rudolph of Boston besides 3 Chilian Vessels and two old Whalers which had been sold to be fitted and sent to California. The Captain had been Unwell all the way home the Horn, and he thought of stopping here. He was carried ashore but not liking his accommodation he came on Board again, and made up his mind to go to Providence. We took on Board a Physician from the Rudolph by the name of Whitmore Sen. Small others to attend to the Captain above the Father of the same. We found one day out, that we had one more Surgeon than we need of on Board - and that was in shape of an English Sailor - which had run away from a man of War at Palmaro and looted it all the way to Iquique the distance of about two or three hundred miles, he wanted to get to the Gold Mines. The Mate put him forward to work his passage, He was a first rate Sailor there was no luck for fleas in port, some of the Surgeon was bit up terribly.

Friday 8, Wind still at the Northward, The weather thick. The vessel not getting along much we kept anchoring with the Bannock for three days. She tried all she could to outsail us, but she could not come it. Capt. Grinnell from Dartmouth was our sailing Master from Port. Owing to the Capt. Sickners - Three Barrels of Rum was bought by the mate to put



the Captain in. In case he died on the voyage -

No observation -

Saturday 9, Wind at the North East still. The netter & Mackerel  
Sot 34.50 -

Sunday 10, Wind at the North East still. The netter thick. It seems  
Lef me had more than I share of head winds  
No observation -

Monday 11, Wind changed into the South West blowing a  
good Breeze. The day mild and pleasant  
Sot 32.27 Log 76.41 -

Tuesday 12, Wind the same. The netter mild -  
Sot 30.24 -

Wednesday 13, Wind hauled a little to the Westward. The  
day pleasant. We saw a vessel of the  
netter Bow some ways off, about 10 o'clock  
this forenoon, we discovered a large school  
of Black Fish, heading towards the ship  
over the Bow. In a few minutes they  
were running along beside, and they made  
a noise like so many locomotives puffing  
and blowing. It was a splendid sight  
They lay and surged about the ship for  
some time -

Sot 29.32

Thursday 14, Wind at the North East blowing but dead  
ahead. The netter part of the day pleasant  
Sot 29.16 -

Friday 15, Wind got round into the South West again  
the day pleasant and comfortable -  
Sot 29.37 Log 75.04

Saturday 16, Wind from the South East and we are  
in doubt that we have struck the rocks  
The netter a little squally with a good  
Breeze - Sot 25.10 Log 76.41

Sunday 17, Wind the same and a good Breeze. This  
is the Birth of the Battle of Barbours Hill  
and twenty weeks hence Bonaparte -  
Sot 23.06 Log 78.58



Monday 18, There are the Bales, without any mistake  
We are getting along grandly - The weather  
mild and pleasant -

Lat 21.20 Long 80.40

Tuesday 19, The wind and the weather continues the  
same - Good - and we feel some encouragement

Lat 19.42 Long 82.25

Wednesday 20, The wind and weather first rate - We  
had no Bales in the Atlantic -

Lat 18.09 Long 84.51

Thursday 21, Wind and weather delightful - They think  
that the old ship moves through it  
it in grand style -

Lat 16.30 Long 87.18

Friday 22, Wind and weather the same - We have  
made since last Friday at 12 o'clock  
11.10 Miles - a good weeks work -

Lat 14.54 Long 89.37

Saturday 23, Wind the same, and the weather a little  
breezy, but getting quite warm -

Lat 13.46 Long 91.08

Sunday 24, Wind in the same quarter and the day  
pleasant, The Captain made his appearance  
on the quarter Deck looking much  
better - We was glad to see him - We  
had a Fin Back Whale come along  
astern of ship. and he followed us  
for half an hour - He was about sixty  
feet long - We had a grand view of  
the old Fellow - Some of the passengers  
fired some cold lead at him - But we  
could not receive any effect -

Lat 12.41 Long 93.01

Monday 25, Wind the same The weather pleasant and  
warm - The ship carrying stunsails and  
Boyzals all the time. This is what I call  
fine sailing -

Lat 11.24 Long 95.00



Tuesday 26, Wind the same - better current and the sea smooth - Lat 10.05 Long 97.53 -

Wednesday 27, Wind the same - better current with a fine moon light evening - Lat 8.32 Long 99.40

Thursday 28, Wind the same, the day pleasant and warm. The surgeon in shirt sleeves. Mr. Bond held again on deck - Five months out to day and ought to have been in San Francisco. But our bad time of the storm, and delay in port has put us back, -

Lat 6.42 Long 106.08

Friday 29, Wind the same the weather good, saw a ship at the entrance supposed to be a Whaler coming. We have made out the day at 12 o'clock 10.20 miles -

Lat 5 - Long 103, 18

Saturday 30, Wind the same and the weather the same the crew busy in letting up the rigging and furling of it getting ready for port

Lat 3.37 Long 105.14

Sunday July 1, Wind the same. This is the first of July, but a lovely day it is. The passengers amusing themselves by reading and conversation -

Lat 2.42 Long 107.38

Monday 2, Wind the same, and the weather delightful and warm. Sea bath are again in vogue - Lat 1.37 Long 110.12 -

Tuesday 3, Wind the same, and the ditto. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon we cut under the line again to the entrance. At which time the ship hauled up to a point by West Course

Lat at 12 o'clock 13 miles south, Long 112.05

Wednesday 4, This is the 4 of July 1849. And a pleasant day or a fine one. One could not be got up. Nature smiles upon us. We all thought of home the day. And the place we spent our last 4. A little thought one year ago of being in the



Middle of the Pacific Ocean this day, But it shows  
the uncertainty of things. The day was noticed by all on  
Board, a Military Parade was got up under the command  
of Col Ross, with life and drum. And some  
of the Soldiers in uniform. It lasted a great  
deal of time, Between 10 and 11 o'clock the Ship  
Bell was rung. And notice given to all on Board  
to assemble in the quarter Deck. Which they  
did, Doct Gurner of France made the prayer  
The Declaration of Independence was read  
by Mr Carr of Sutersville Rocks Island. And  
and oration was delivered by my Hon  
Self. As I had been invited a few days  
previous and accepted. I touched upon national  
matters. Together with our hopes and anticipations  
on leaving our Home, and our friends, in this  
distant Country. The Ceremony was finished  
by a national Song called America. The day  
just all very pleasant to all on Board —

Lat 2.28 Long 112.38

Thursday 5, Wind the same, and the weather remaining pleasant  
we are getting along grandly. And we  
are anxious to arrive at the end of our  
Journey — Lat 5.06 Long 112.32

Friday 6. Wind and weather the same. Only growing  
warmer. It makes the hot run as I am  
a fighting, It is now 3 weeks since we took  
the Fair East Barks. We have made this  
week about 1000 miles. We have not reefed  
Sails. But kept our Studding sails and Payal,  
a flying night and day. Every time for  
Sails — — Lat 7.10 Long 112.34 —

Saturday 7, Wind light from the same quarter. And  
a little shivering. The day warm. The Bird  
Bugs begin to trouble me below. Which  
troubles me about sleeping —

Lat 8.41 Long 112.33

Sunday 8, The wind varying about at the South. Squally  
and Rainy. That will last 5 o'clock in  
the afternoon a storm came up from



the merman which lasted about two hours, and I never saw  
it rain harder in all my travels. It was six inches deep  
on deck all the time - Lat 10.40 Long 113.04 -

Monday 9, Wind from West. Squally with rain, and some  
muzzing - Plenty of fishes around again to  
day - Lat 12.54 Long 113.23

Tuesday 10, Wind very light from the merman. The  
day pleasant and warm - Lat 14.30 Long 113.50

Wednesday 11, Wind and the weather the same -

Lat 15.06 Long 113.52

Thursday 12, Wind light almost a calm, the weather hot  
we are getting near to the Sun, which is in  
about 22 North, Aming towards us. The  
crew engaged in painting the outside  
of ship - Lat 15.31 Long 113.44

Friday 13, Wind fresh W from the West. It  
is about time we took the West trade,  
the day pleasant and warm -

Lat 16.21 Long 114.34

Saturday 14, The Wind grows stronger from the West  
the weather pleasant and warm. The Surgeons  
all busy in making preparations to go into  
the Port of San Francisco -

Lat 17.30 Long 116.14

Sunday 15, Wind from the North and a little cooler  
the day pleasant -

Lat 18.13 Long 118.01

Monday 16, Wind light from the West. The day  
pleasant - Lat 18.58 Long 118.56

Tuesday 17, Wind from the same quarter. The weather  
thick and raining -

Lat 20.06 Long 121.12

Wednesday 18, Wind from the same quarter. The weather  
thick & squally. We are now in the  
Longitude of San Francisco -

Lat 21.16 Long 122.13

Thursday 19, Wind the same, and the weather pleasant

Lat 23.06 Long 123.12



Friday 20, Wind from about the same quarter. Thick and  
foggy, the Sun out occasionally - This was  
my last week again, and the last in this  
savage I think -

Lat 24.13, Long 124.00 -

Saturday 21, Wind from the North - The weather cloudy and  
cold, We shall run a good way to the West  
to get our Lat. etc. There are the prevailing  
winds at this time of year on this Coast

Lat 25.10 Long 124.16

Sunday 22, Wind the same and so is the weather, We  
don't like this much we should rather  
have the wind any other -

Lat 26.15 Long 124.16

Monday 23, Wind the same only a little stronger, with  
a rough Sea, the weather ~~and~~ uncomfortable -

Lat 27.16 Long 126.27

Tuesday 24, Wind the same, the weather the same. This  
makes three Winters in five months -

Lat 28.17 Long 128.36

Wednesday 25, Wind the same, and so is the weather  
about of which. Lashed ship and stowed  
in the hold -

Lat 29.02 Long 130.00

Thursday 26, Wind the same. Weather cloudy and cold  
These northerly winds are very unpleasant  
to persons that want to get to California

Lat No Observation

Friday 27, Wind the same and the weather squally the  
 breeze strong - We had to lash ship and  
stand to the Westward again -

Lat 30.01 Long 130.30

Saturday 28, Wind the same. Only not so strong  
This is tedious work -

Lat 31.00 Long 131.30

Sunday 29, Wind about the same. The weather cloudy  
and cold. To day we are twenty five  
miles out. This going to Sea. and depending  
upon the winds to arrive where you  
want to go, is very uncertain business



We saw a Bird at the Southward doing the Best she could -

Lat 32.35 Long 133.19

Monday 30, Wind the same, the day cloudy and squally

Lat 33.00 Long 133.25

Tuesday 31, Wind holds in the same quarter - The weather about the same -

Lat 34.31 Long 134.21

Wednesday Aug 1, Wind the same, and the weather cloudy

Lat 36.07 Long 136.07

Thursday 2, Wind and weather the same. About eleven o'clock we drew helm and stood in for Land in San Francisco, having got our Lat We are 15-degrees to the Westward of the Port - So much for a land wind -

Lat 37.45 Long 137.10

Friday 3, Wind still remain in the old quarter and the weather the same -

Lat 37.11 Long 134.51

Saturday 4, Wind the same, also the weather -

Lat 36.55 Long 132.39

Sunday 5, Wind the same and the weather the same

Lat 36.53 Long 129.55

Monday 6, Wind to the Northward within about 12 o'clock when it shifted into the westward. The weather foggy as it often is in this Coast. We made 35 miles of Lat to day which brings us back again into our Latitude which we had lost -

Lat 37.28 Long 127.50

Tuesday 7, Wind from the Westward which is a Land Breeze but the weather thick and foggy -

Lat 38.10. 00 Long -

Wednesday 8, Wind the same. We hoisted our Lat sight expecting to see Land which we did about dark. We stood off and on all night it being foggy. In the morning we began to stand in

Thursday 9, Wind here with a nice little breeze. We then standing in to the outer Bay of San Francisco. We had company of the Ship, and three Barks in sight all bound in. The weather



I cannot after the Fog cleared off, but we had a fine  
 view of things as we went in. It was a lovely and  
 exciting time. We all appeared to be rejoicing to think  
 and to know that we were so near our journey's end  
 after a passage of one hundred and thirty three  
 days. But we all arrived well and hearty, not  
 having lost a man on the passage. The Bay of San Francisco  
 is the most magnificent in the world. It is large  
 enough to hold all the vessels that surround the  
 Mountain. In running into our anchorage the tide  
 setting in strong and there being so many vessels at  
 anchor, in trying to run between them we kept on  
 against the vessels. Which gave me a quarter  
 boat and carried away the rail. But when I left  
 to go ashore there was two vessels with their bowsprit  
 right over and the vessels rocking us. They could not  
 get out of the difficulty until the tide turned.  
 Carried away the jib boom of one of the vessels. It  
 was a curious piece of business. Well here I am  
 in the long wharf for land. For better or worst.

1.		Cabin
1 Edward Chase M., of Bow		George J Bower M., Bow
Erva Dodge .. do		Benjamin L Munter do
1 James D Simmons Gunton		1 Joseph Luther M., Warner
Phillip M Fish Bow		
2		Cabin
Terre C Pursee Bow		William Batchelder M., Bow
Henry Carriser		Thomas Warner
Christopher Vaughan		Daniel H Bower M
D. H. Wesson		Labarge G Robins M
A. B. Horton		1 Edgar G Winsor
W. J. Libver M		Harvey Muehlenbach M
1 Daniel P Stephens		1 Edmund Spencer M
William D Butts		Samuel Tompkins M
Lewis C Field		William H Allen M
James B Carter		1 Franklin White
Robert J Cannells		George W Elmer M.
1 George W Tompkins		Benjamin A Allen
Caleb Burdett M		Isaac Elmer



Left  
Arthur W Pratt M  
George M Weaver  
1. Theodore S Angell M  
1. Josiah P William  
Thomas C Peckham M  
Whitman Tipt  
Henry Harris  
Julius Pierce  
Warren Pierce  
Henry P Fremont M  
J. B. Carr Luttrell  
Charles M Phils  
Charles Lesters M  
1. John R Ames  
Edmund Smith  
Israel S Holmes  
George Hincune  
Charles B Atchison Warrick  
William H Leavitt M  
Arthur S Perry M  
William W Henshick  
Stephen Grinnell M Lutterton  
Moses Grinnell M  
Cornelius Leaburg M  
James M Cook M  
Thomas S Parmer  
Eben Hoover  
Arthur S Corey M  
1. William H Parker Warren  
Daniel Bonner  
John E Elderly M  
William H Foyant  
John B Pierce  
Thomas C Pierce  
John S Simons  
Edmund Smith  
Luther Brown  
Percival Brown  
Lucius Briggs

Warren  
Joseph Bennett  
George Randall M  
Michael G Ramsdell  
Anthony H Pattison  
1. Nathan Pratt  
Abel G Pratt M  
1. George Mattern M  
Arthur Walenman  
Charles Durbin M Coventry  
1. Thomas Haterly M  
Robert Smith M  
William P Luther  
James Viner  
Thomas Cole  
Moss  
Albert Sweet M Lutterton  
John H White  
Percival Wilbur M Warrick  
Francis Reed M Somerset  
Platler Wardell M Tall River  
Charles G Hilder M  
Morris J Hooker  
1. Perry Lutter  
Francis B Guarnier Lutterton  
Edmund H Guarnier  
Ore A Hoover  
Samuel P Turner Lutterton  
Christophe Methering  
1. Thomas J Reed Blackstone  
George H Smith  
Charles Carr  
Officers  
George Littlefield M Bristol  
1. William H Richmond M  
2. William Devol M  
Henry Wright Lutterton



Crew

Wemman	Bristol
Linsey	
Lynceus	
Simen	
Lawrence	
1. Heelley	
Jones	
Shoem	
Thacke	
Shutling	
Burrough	
Burgess	
Ingraham	
Sumers	

Cook and Stewards

Peter. Carter	Obey
William William	do
1. Cabin	
Francis Evers	Bristol
Thomas William	Jamaica
2. Cabin	
James Tomlin	Bristol
William MacColl	York
Jacob Turbiner	Warren
Edmund	Bristol

Names of my Officers

Albert Sweet  
 Edmund Shenen  
 Samuel Dimshin  
 George A. Wecker  
 Thomas J. Reed  
 Perry Larter  
 Samuel P. Turner  
 Christopher Medley  
 Edmund H. Gurnsey

Kanacker Words

Ararah - Good Morning  
 Tamerrea - Boy  
 Tar hu hu - go away  
 Curu Curu - Hurry  
 Panku par - Virgin  
 Ahiti - Very Good  
 Pom Pom - all gone  
 Ahihone - My Daughter  
 Pichimene - A Baby  
 Heihver - a Soldier  
 Durie - No

Spanish Words

Oro is Gold  
 Plata " Silver  
 Dinero " Money  
 Caballo " Horse  
 Leno " the black  
 Vino " Wine  
 Hambre " Hunger  
 Muger " Woman  
 Senorita " Lady  
 Buen Dias " Good Morning  
 Limbree " Flat  
 frio " Cold  
 Marenero " Sailor  
 Hermoso " Handsome  
 Marbo " Good  
 Bono " Bad  
 Paso " Dollar  
 Chobo " Howard  
 Lee " Take Notice  
 que chov. get out  
 No Survey, no Understand  
 Tarmos. Get out  
 Anquedent, Brandy



## Books that I read on Board of Ship

2 years before the start of a voyage round the  
 Horn by James of Boston  
 Fremont Travels to the Rocky Mountains and California  
 in 1841 and 2.<sup>nd</sup>  
 Travels of the Rev George Fisher of London to Egypt,  
 Red Sea, Jerusalem, and the Holy Land  
 A Voyage of and East Indiaman by Jack Stewart  
 The American Ship Master Guide, and Commercial Directory  
 The Practical Navigator by Nathaniel Bowditch  
 Laws of the Sea, or the Rights of Nations and Commerce  
 The Carrier Assistant and Drivers Guide  
 The Landlord and Tenant Assistant  
 The American Coast Pilot by Blunt  
 What I Saw in California by Edmund Bryant  
 Seamen Friend by Lane  
 Lordnes Lectures on Asthenomeny

## Latitude and Longitude of some of the principal places on the Globe —

Boston	Lat 42.23 N	Long 71.08 West
Block Island	41.10 N	71.45 "
Wester Island	38.23 N	28.42 "
Cape Verde	14.52 W	23.30 "
Pico Janeiro	22.52 S	43.18 "
St. Catherine	27.32 S	49.15 "
Bonaville Atoll	34.37 S	58.24 "
Magellan Strait	52.30 S	68.25 "
Cape Horn	55.58 S	67.21 "
Tschummu	37.41 S	73.09 "
Talharu	33.01 S	71.37 "
Cabo	12.02 S	77.04 "
Panama	8.57 N	79.22 "
St. Diego	32.39 N	116.54 "
Monterey	36.48 N	121.43 "
San Francisco	37.49 N	122.14 "
Columbia River	46.19 N	123.54 "
San Juan Islands	21.43 N	157.58 "
Society Islands	17. S	



## Passage To The Sandwich Islands

I remained in the Town of San Francisco until the twenty ninth of Dec 1844. When I sailed for Honolulu in the Brig Canonius of Boston Capt Lyons, and arrived on the 18 of Jan. 1850. We had twenty five passengers. The passage the first week out, was unfavourable owing to head winds, so that we made only about three hundred miles. But after we took the of East Baiter, which we did in 34 days. We had a fine run. The distance about twenty five hundred miles. We sailed away in 36 hours in the time in a gale of Wind. It is considered an average passage. The object I had in leaving San Francisco at this time. Was the horrid state of the weather and place. and the fear of my health. If I had known in Oct, how Bad things was to be, I should certainly have left sooner. I had a continued cold and cough for two months before I left owing to damp feet, and the wet weather. At the time I left the people were dying off like sheep as the saying is, and hundreds of people had no employment, and could not get any even for their board. The reason for all this. Was the rains. The Bad state of the streets, which put a stop to business in a great measure. Also a large surplus population from the State and the Mines which could find nothing to do. The rainy season set in earlier than would the Old Presidents say, It began the first of Nov, also quite a large fire took place on the morning of the 24 of Dec. The day before Christmas. and it burnt out a space of the most valuable part of the Town. There were two Engines on the occasion which done good service. But the most affectual thing, was blowing up the Building with powder. often would not work without being laid. This fire made a good many poor. for there is no such thing as Insurance in this <sup>of Country</sup> yet, every man on his own hook,



I will have pleasure to give a sketch of things in Honolulu  
the Capital of the Island of Oahu. It is a place I  
always had a desire to see. But never expected to see.  
But now I am on the spot, and a delightful one it  
is compared with California. The Climate is mild and  
warm, and the appearance of the place beautiful. The  
while the town is blooming, and the High Bells jingling  
in the open English States. I am in the midst of perfect  
Summer. Enjoying all the Luxuries that can be imagined  
they have here at this time. Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cucumbers,  
Beans, Green Corn, Water Melons, Sweet Potatoes,  
Tomatoes, Oranges, Lemons, Bananas, Coconuts,  
Milk, Eggs, Buttery, Fish, &c &c The natives live  
principally on Poha made from Turu, together with Fish  
Sugar Cane, and Coconuts. But still Bread and Meats is  
high owing to California, and California Emigrants who  
have visited the Island this season. Board & Lodging  
at Hotels 10 Dollars per week, with 12 1/2 cents a  
Bottle. Onions 8 dollars a Hamper about a Barrel  
Irish Potatoes 4 dollars a Barrel, Flour 25 and 30 Cents  
a Barrel. Cheese 50 cents Sugar 25 Molasses 100  
Beef 12 1/2 Pork 25. This is a fine Climate for a  
Farmer. We can raise two Crops a year. But the  
Hawaiians can't do it. But there will soon be a different  
state of things here. This and all the other Islands is  
under Missionary Rule. and a little time more so.  
There is a good deal of salt fishing here at this time  
They must look out for California, the Town lies  
mostly on a level, at the foot of a Chain of Mountains  
the streets run level and are full of walking on both  
sides. There is also a beautiful Valley between the Mountains  
with quite a stream running through it. also three  
water falls where there is fine bathing. The riding  
about this place is delightful, and that is the  
great sport of the Island, attracts Foreigners and  
Natives. For riding the great day for riding. Horse  
Back is the custom, Women and all. The Natives  
as a general thing are very indolent and lazy  
you can hire one for a ride or two a day, to do  
most any thing. They have other amusements such



as a Theatre, Winepins. Billiards. Cock fighting, Horse Racing.  
The Negro Servants from Pohnia have been singing at  
the Theatre since I have been here, There is the fine Stone  
Churches. very large, in the town, besides a Bethel for  
Sailors. There is also some very nice Houses belonging  
to the Councils, and Chiefs of the Island. There is  
the remains of several Fortunes, which have stood  
burning years ago. There is three newspapers published on  
the Island. but there is a good many Foreigners living  
here, quite a number married with the natives. The  
Leaving Merchants are principally Americans and Chimeres.  
Take it all in all it is a fine Country to live in. When  
I shall leave is not determined upon. For I am now  
in my old Business, buying 20 dollars per month rent  
whatsoever more I make it, will be faithfully recorded  
if I live,

The Authorities issued and order, that Foreigners could not  
leave the Island, without giving two weeks notice by posting  
them selves in some public place, in both English & Kanakua  
Language. and advertising in the paper also, and then return  
a copy of the notice, to the Minister of Foreign relations.  
This is considered by all Foreigners to be an arbitrary  
Law. None object in it is to sponge Strangers, and increase  
their Revenue.

In a gale which lasted about ten days on these Islands  
on, and about the 15 of Feb, it blew down quite a number  
of Houses & Trees. On the Island of Moorea, the gale was  
the most severe, it blew down one Hundred and thirty four  
Houses and capsized one small steamer in the Harbour  
when five persons were on board and three Women Native  
were ashore.

The Brig Cameron sailed from this Port for Tahiti  
and California, on the Seventh of March with a large  
number of Passengers. I had made arrangements to return  
in her. But I changed my mind, and concluded to  
stay Honolulu a little longer. A number of my friends



and acquaintances went in her - and I hope she will have  
a short and pleasant passage -

The North American Council etc. etc. for these Islands  
arrived on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of March by the way of the Isthmus  
and San Francisco, He was only fifty one days from  
New York having left the 17 of Jan. the quickest passage  
ever made. The Bark Maria of Baltimore which brought him  
from the Coast, made her passage in ten days to this port  
once by her the first message of Phil Brindley Taylor, and a good  
one it is -

To day is the 17 of March, and the King's Birth day. It is stormy  
which prevents a good deal the enjoyments of the day. The  
King gave a Luncheon between 11 and 1 o'clock. and the Queen  
gave hers in the Evening at 8 o'clock -

March 22. This was a Man killed by the charge of a rammer  
by a mad Bullock running through the street  
he was a Sea-faring Man -

This has been quite a number of my acquaintances from  
different places in the States, on these Islands since I have  
been here. Thomas Brown, Edward Richmond, and Blake  
who formerly worked for Hall in Lاونتون, Philip M. Fish  
Henry Deedwell, Cyrus Pierce of Proctor, Samuel Turner  
Christopher Melbury of Leicester, Johnathan Howard and  
Charles Delmar of New Bedford - I saw one old acquaintance  
by the name of Greenman who formerly worked, and  
with me in 1832. in Lاونتون. He has resided on these  
Islands a number of years. A young man by the  
name of Dean from Lاونتون was one of the Sailors from  
the Coast on Board of the Brig,

The British Bark Caroline from Hobart Town, was  
beached on the Beach of Honolulu the 24 of March in a gale  
she had 102 Souls on Board. They were all saved but  
one Man, who was knocked overboard when the masts were cut  
away, one Man had his arm broke, six boats were stove in  
trying to get to them. There was quite a number of Women and Children  
on Board



Passage from Honolulu to  
San Francisco California in 1850.

I left the Islands on the 2 day of April in the  
Schooner Roe formerly of New York, under the  
Command of Cap Swasey, Belonging to New York P.S.  
We had 38 Passengers, and the Tonnage of the Schooner  
was 175 ~~tons~~. We made the passage in twenty six days  
arriving at San Francisco on the 28. of April, Captain  
Blake was Surgeon with me, 4 Vessels left the same day  
for the same port. But we beat the whole a week and  
ten days. We ran a good way to the Northward, nearly  
to the Columbian River. Owing to head winds. We  
had 4 or 5 days calm in the time. The passage  
all in all was a very pleasant one, Good living  
and no trouble on board to speak of - -

On Monday the day I arrived ashore I found  
employment at my trade with a firm in Washington St  
a nice new place in connection with Baths. and I  
thought myself well located for the Summer of Six Months  
at two Hundred dollars, with Boarding & Lodging for  
month, When on Saturday Morning about 4 o'clock on  
the 4 of May. I was wakened up by the horrid cry of  
Fire, Fire. I jumped up, I stepped over the Stool  
and went to the door, and I see we were bound  
to have another awful Fire (which we did) and  
burst out our concern soon after the commencement  
as we were near where it broke out. The Fire  
commenced on the same spot at the same time in  
the Morning. our house caught was the work of an  
Instant. which the Mayor has offered a reward  
of 5000. dollars. to the other Fire. It has burnt 4  
Squares of the most Central, and most valuable part of  
the City. There was about 400 Buildings burnt. and about  
5000000. Property. It has ruined Hundreds, and  
produced a great deal of distress. So my expectations  
were again disappointed - - } So I wait for further orders







